

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I am a senior citizen on limited income. My cell phone is important to me in case of emergency. I seldom use it, but like the security it gives me should I need it in an emergency situation. It is the best I can afford on my income and I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable. Everything seems to be taxed these days and I do not feel it is fair, especially to those like me who live on such a limited income. My regular hard wired phone taxes now are nearly as much as my service. This has to stop.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair! The people who can least afford it are the ones being hurt the most.

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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